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"CAPITALIST ROADERS"

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1. LOOKING BEYOND TENG HSIAO-PING TO OTHER CAPITALIST ROADERS IN THE PARTY, A PEOPLE'S DAILY APRIL 21 ARTICLE APPEARS TO PROVIDE JUSTIFICATION FOR CONTINUING THE STRUGGLE RATHER THAN ALLOWING IT TO TAIL OFF INTO STUDY. ARGUING THAT THERE ARE CAPITALIST ROADERS STILL ACTIVELY PROMOTING THEIR PROGRAM, THE KUEI CHIH ARTICLE STATUES THAT THESE PEOPLE ARE "STILL IN POWER AND HOLD IN THEIR HANDS A PORTION OF POWER." THESE INDIVIDUALS ARE PRESUMABLY THE ONES THAT THE ARTICLE CLAIMS TENG APPOINTED TO "IMPORTANT POSTS."
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2. THE ARTICLE ALSO ASSERTS THAT WHILE POINTING THE SPEARHEAD OF CRITICISM AT TENG, OTHER ENEMIES SHOULD NOT BE OVERLOOKED AND THAT CRITICISM OF TENG SHOULD BE COMBINED WITH CRITICISM OF THE OTHERS BECAUSE "THEY ARE INSEPARABLY JOINED TOGETHER." ARGUING FOR A GREATER IDEOLOGICAL AWARENESS, THE ARTICLE FURTHER ASSERTS, AS LENIN HAD POINTED OUT, THAT THE CONTROVERSY IS BETWEEN CLASSES AND NOT INDIVIDUALS.

3. COMMENT: WE HAVE PROJECTED A GENERAL DISSATISFACTION AMONG THE CAMPAIGN'S PROMOTERS OVER THE TERMS OF TENG'S DISMISSAL AND HUA KUO-FENG'S ELEVATION ON THE BASIS OF THEIR NON-APPEARANCE AND NON-ASSOCIATION WITH GENERAL ACCLAIM FOR THE POLITBURO DECISIONS (REFTEL). THE ARTICLE HERE APPEARS TO FIT THE SAME MOLD. IT IS INDICATIVE OF THE LINE LIKELY TO BE TAKEN BY THE CAMPAIGN'S PROMOTERS WITHOUT COMMITING ITS LEADING POLEMICISTS. CHIEF MEDIA PROMOTERS LIKE LIANG HSIAO AND THE PEKING/TSINGHUA UNIVERSITY MASS CRITICISM GROUP TO DATE HAVE NOT ADDED THEIR ACCOLADES TO THE POLITBURO DECIONS AND HAVE NOT PROVIDED ANY ADDITIONAL COMMENTARY ON THE FUTURE DIRECTION OF THE CAMPAIGN. THEIR SILENCE, LIKE THE LEADERSHIP ABSENCES SEEMS TO REFLECT DISSATISFACTION AND DISSENSION AMONG THE LEADERS OVER THE SCOPE OF FUTURE EFFORTS. USING A LESSER LIGHT LIKE KUEI CHIH--HE EARLIER WROTE THE THIRD ARTICLE IN THE MARCH RED FLAG--SERVES TO GET THEIR MESSAGE ACROSS, BUT STILL LEAVES ROOM FOR GREATER FLEXIBILITY AMONG THE CAMPAIGN'S PROMOTERS ON HOW THEY WILL HANDLE THEMSELVES FOR THE NEXT PHASE.
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